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ABSTRACT

This directory lists 107 child advocacy programs in 37 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. Each entry includes project title, address, telephone number, contact person, a statement of purpose and a summary of current advocacy activities. Entries are indexed under the following terms: adolescent parenthood, appropriations/funding, child abuse and neglect, child care/day care, child labor, child welfare, coalitions, community involvement, comprehensive coordinated planning, deinstitutionalization, delivery of services, developmental disabilities, developing monitoring and assessment instruments, drugs, early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment, foster care, health care, individual advocacy, juvenile justice, lead poisoning, legislative action, mental health, Native Americans, parent education, public education, recreation, rights of children, state-wide child advocacy structure, training advocates, workshop on data collecting and planning, and youth. (RH)

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FOREWORD

This recently revised directory of child advocacy programs reflects the great variety and richness of advocacy efforts throughout the Nation on behalf of children and youth. The advocacy resources listed include those programs established specifically to influence improvements in the practice of community institutions working with children and young people.

We hope that this directory, which is not exhaustive, will be useful not only to advocates for children but that it will also stimulate communication among persons with similar interests and concerns. It contains illustrations of various types of programs and suggests similarities in practice. It includes programs in the process of organizing as well as established and functioning programs. The listing can provide a base for further investigation and documentation of practice.

This directory is published with appreciation to all who are active on behalf of children and young people. We particularly appreciate those persons who helped make this publication possible by preparing descriptions of their programs.

Frank Ferro
Associate Chief
Children's Bureau

ALASKA

Anchorage Child Abuse Board, Inc.
611 West Ninth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501 Telephone: 907/274-5517

Contact Person: Lynn Ferry

Purpose:
- --To provide multi-disciplinary consultation to community agencies and professionals regarding child abuse and neglect.
- --To offer public and professional community education programs.
- --To coordinate services to abusing and neglecting families.
- --To administer a volunteer Parent Aide Program.

Current Advocacy Activities:
- --Consultation is available during a 2-hour meeting held every Friday.
- --Board members and the coordinator presented seventy-six informal programs to various community groups between July 1, 1976, and July 7, 1977.
- --Services are coordinated to families by the coordinator of the Board in collaboration with persons working with the family.
- --The Parent Aide Program has twenty-two Parent Aides working with families at the present time. A new group is currently being recruited. Parent Aides are recruited, screened, trained and supervised by the coordinator of the Anchorage Child Abuse Board and Board members.

ARIZONA

Arizona Community Development Abuse and Neglect Project
Arizona Department of Economic Security
P.O. Box 6123
Phoenix, Arizona 85005 Telephone: 602/271-3769

Contact Person: Bonnie E. Palmer

Purpose:
To provide training, technical assistance, and support to agencies and individuals involved in the prevention, detection and treatment of child abuse and neglect; to create knowledgeable, concerned groups of citizens and professionals to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children and their families.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Assessing needs throughout state in the field of child abuse and neglect.
--Compiling lists of actual and potential resources
--Public education as to the existence and nature of child abuse and neglect.
--Broadening community participation.
--Training speakers bureaus.

National Action for Foster Children - Arizona Committee
2844 Grand
Phoenix, Arizona 85017 Telephone: 602/271-0934

Contact Person: Kay Ekstrom

Purpose:
To upgrade foster care - Long range goals include separating children's services from other welfare services; recruiting and training foster parents. Public education re: foster care and adoptive homes. Increase services to natural family in order to prevent foster care and/or speed rehabilitation of family.

Current Advocacy Activities:
T.V. and newspaper publicity re: foster care. General information meeting to acquaint families with need for foster and adoptive homes.

CALIFORNIA

Native American Children's Advocates
390 Euclid Avenue
Oakland, California 94610 Telephone: 415/832-2386

Contact Person: Jennie R. Joe

Purpose:
A formal organization of Native American Indians who are concerned and advocate for the needs of Native American children. The Native American Children's Advocates is an organization established to ensure that Native American children are reared in an environment which provides them the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential and to secure their rights as citizens of this country and members of their tribal community.

Current Advocacy Activities:
This group assists Indian communities with information on legislation and programs for children and families. Identify specific resources such as legal help, health and welfare.

The California Children's Lobby
P.O. Box 448
Sacramento, California 95802 Telephone: 916/444-7477

Contact Person: Elizabeth M. Berger

Purpose:
Advocate for State legislation that will improve the lives of California children and their families.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Infant and child care-supporting legislation that will expand care in California.
--Foster care-supporting legislation that will revise and reform current foster care system in California.
--Juvenile Justice-supporting legislation that will change status offender laws.
--Child Health Assessment for Poverty and working poor (CHAP model)

Youth Law Center
693 Mission Street, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, California 94105 Telephone:415/495-6420

Contact Persons: Peter B. Sandmann and Stefan M. Rosenzweig

Purpose:

The Youth Law Center provides free legal representation to young persons to assure protection of their rights. The Center is funded by the Legal Services Corporation and is a California non-profit corporation.

Legal assistance by Center attorneys is directed in several areas: it represents a number of community and civic groups concerned with the rights of young people; it provides legal advice and consultation to other attorneys, and to public service groups concerned with legal problems affecting youth; and it becomes involved in court cases to establish, confirm or protect legal rights of young persons. Finally, the Center through its Juvenile Rights Litigation Project provides back-up support to legal services attorneys and others who are seeking vindication of the rights of juveniles.

Current Advocacy Activities:

The principal substantive areas of activity of the Center are matters which are ordinarily the concern of juvenile and family courts. These include such matters as delinquency, persons in need of supervision (PINS), neglect proceedings, custodial placement of juveniles in residential and non-residential programs, adoptions, foster care placements, illegitimacy, termination of parental rights proceedings, and other similar matters in which state or local social welfare agencies intervene into the lives of families, and the rights of juveniles to such benefits and services as adequate education, health care, shelter and nutrition.

Sonoma County Citizen Advocacy, Inc.
835 4th Street
P.O. Box 4449
Santa Rosa, California 95402 Telephone: 707/546-4622

Contact Person: Albert Zonca

Purpose:
To provide advocacy services for persons with developmental disabilities.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Citizen volunteers are recruited, trained, and monitored by a staff of human service professionals to become personal advocates to developmentally disabled persons. Advocates act as teachers, spokespersons, companions, representative payees (financial managers), surrogate or foster parents and/or guardians. Advocates may teach a handicapped person, for example, how to plan a budget, shop in a retail store, or ride public transportation. In addition, Citizen Advocacy also offers related services to aid developmentally disabled persons and/or their families. These include information and referral, counseling, representation and intervention, and legal advice and assistance. Citizen Advocacy also assists developmentally disabled persons and/or their families in identifying services which they may need and in acquiring those services. Citizen Advocacy represents the interests of developmentally disabled persons in community organization and planning activities and data is collected and studied regarding the social needs and problems of these individuals. An on-going public education campaign is conducted to heighten the community's awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of developmentally disabled persons. Presentations are made to church, civic, educational and other community groups; informational brochures on developmental disabilities are distributed, and public and private media are stimulated to bring the issues and concerns of developmentally disabled persons before the public.

COLORADO

Colorado Citizen Advocacy Program
Colorado Association for Retarded Citizens
2727 Bryant Street, L-3
Denver, Colorado 80211 Telephone: 303/455-4411

Contact Person: Joni Seivert

Purpose:
To provide a one-to-one relationship to developmentally disabled individuals, matching volunteers (advocates) to mentally retarded and other developmentally disabled citizens (proteges). Advocates can assume roles which vary according to the needs of the impaired person. The state office coordinates and supervises 14 local programs including Ridge House in Wheatridge and other programs in the following counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Aurora, Boulder, Denver, El Paso, Fremont, Fort Morgan, Larimer, Jefferson, Mesa, Pueblo, Greeley.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Current activities include a mass media campaign using radio, TV, billboards, speakers, brochures, etc., to spread the word on Citizen Advocacy. Our hope is that this will not only help in the recruitment of more advocates, but will make us more visible in the communities of Colorado. We also have a legal advocacy branch that we work with very closely.

Colorado Child Care Coalition
6460 Doris Lane
Evergreen, Colorado 80439 Telephone: 303/674-5743

Contact Person: Diana Suslak

Purpose:
This group is a coalition of non-profit organizations and interested individuals who are advocates on behalf of the overall needs of children and specifically for quality child care services. It is independent of government bodies and agencies. The coalition functions in an advisory capacity as unpaid consultants which, in turn, makes significant decisions regarding the present and future needs of the children of Colorado.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The coalition attempts to influence policy and legislation about children's needs and child care in Colorado by: 1) consulting with goverrmental bodies and agencies 2) preparing and delivering appropriate testimony; and 3) regularly publishing a state-wide bulletin on current issues. The coalition educates advocates around the state at workshops to which they have been invited. The coalition has received a grant from the Administration for Children, Youth and Families to co-sponsor in 1978 a two day state-wide conference on advocacy for children and families.

CONNECTICUT

Resource to Encourage Services to Provide for the Ongoing Needs of the Disabled (RESPOND)
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Connecticut, Inc.
One State Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06511 Telephone: 203/772-2080

Contact Person: Janet T. Strom

Purpose:

RESPOND is a free advocacy service for the physically, mentally and emotionally disabled population in the sixteen-town Greater New Haven area. RESPOND addresses the handicapped community's need for ongoing communication of resources and services available to meet their needs. Within this context, RESPOND maintains an ongoing needs assessment process by identifying, describing and assessing all community resources for the disabled individual and his family. When a service gap is identified, RESPOND advocates for appropriate program development.

Current Advocacy Activities:

RESPOND is involved in two major advocacy programs: case advocacy and class advocacy. Case advocacy involves a one-to-one relationship between the Director of Client Services and a person who is disabled, in which the rights of the disabled are advocated. The advocate may use referral, information-sharing, communication facilitation, liaison, mediation, pressure or personal representation. Case advocacy insures the responsiveness of existing community resources and programs to the individual's needs.

When the implication or outcomes of advocacy affect an entire group of persons, the advocacy effort moves into the category of class advocacy. Class advocacy seeks to prevent problems or assure intervention on a global basis for those with problems and difficulties.

RESPOND is involved in several components of class advocacy at the present time--systems advocacy, community organization and program development. Within the systems approach, RESPOND acts to modify systems that deliver services so that services are more accessible and useable by consumers.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Office of Child Health Advocacy
2125 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009 Telephone: 202/835-4152

Contact Person: Frederick C. Green, M.D.

Purpose:
To enhance the responsiveness of the hosptial and health system to the recipients of care through identifying gaps and overlaps in services and coordinating such services; and monitoring the quality of care being delivered and initiating new services as needed.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Lead Poisoning - Developing and coordinating a city-wide consortium of agencies to eliminate the problem of lead poisoning in the District of Columbia.

Primary Care - Conceptualizing alternative approaches to more efficiently provide health care to infants, children and their families in the Washington Metropolitan area-funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Out Patient Department - Modification of the Children's Hospital National Medical Center's ambulatory care services to function more efficiently for children and youth.

Child Abuse and Neglect - Implementing a new family oriented Child Abuse and Neglect Demonstration Center.

Adolescent Parenthood - Upgrading our efforts in behalf of adolescent parents.

FLORIDA

The Center for Children and Youth
P.O. Box 5497
311 South Calhoun Street
Suite 216
Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Telephone: 904/224-9483

Contact Person: Sharon E. Solomon

Purpose:
The Center has been funded to organize concerned citizens and professionals throughout the state into a single voice for children and youth. The Board of Directors and staff of the Center work with local advocacy alliances to negotiate, persuade, monitor, identify gaps and problems, and design remedies and strategies to intervene on behalf of children.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Publish and disseminate statewide the Center's newsletter; assist interested citizens organizations, and agencies in the identification and acquisition of youth related materials; develop a series of legislative updates that summarize and monitor all bills in the legislature dealing with children and youth; facilitate the organization and coordination of child and youth advocates into multicounty alliances; conduct one yearly statewide conference; and participate in other statewide conferences, seminars, and workshops as they relate to programs and issues for children and youth in Florida.

Citizen Advocacy Program
Florida Association for Retarded Citizens
P.O. Box 1542
Tallahassee, Florida 32302 Telephone: 904/878-6121

Contact Person: Roberta Malavenda

Purpose:
To develop, implement, and supervise a statewide advocacy program for developmentally disabled persons. The advocacy program uses the efforts of private citizens to ensure that the rights of developmentally disabled persons are upheld, to provide companionship and support, and to promote self advocacy.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Citizen Advocacy offices in eight counties offer a wide range of services, from friendship to legal advice. Citizen advocates work with individuals in institutions, group homes, sheltered workshops, independent living situations, and pre-schools. The Florida Association for Retarded Citizens recently obtained an Action grant for Vista representatives who are coordinating citizen advocacy programs around the State.

Child Advocacy Service of the Child,
Adolescent & Community Program
Florida Mental Health Institute
HRS Division of Mental Health
13301 North 30th Street
Tampa, Florida 33612 Telephone: 813/974-4615

Contact Person: Nelle D. Wheeler

Purpose:
- --Educate the public as to the needs and rights of children.
- --Insure, to the extent possible, that children's needs are met and their rights preserved.

Current Advocacy Activities:
- --Advising and encouraging groups, initiating child advocacy programs.
- --Provide information on children's services, consultation, education and a conduit to other services for cooperative efforts.
- --Provide training in child advocacy.
- --Produce four workshops each year for training institutions and agencies in child-oriented projects.

HAWAII

Child Advocacy
The Mental Health Association in Hawaii
200 North Vineyard Blvd., Room 101
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 Telephone: 808/521-1846

Contact Person: Carol Eblen

Purpose:
This Mental Health Association Committee actively monitors existing mental health care services; suggests, lobbies for, and occasionally seeks court action to bring about administrative and/or legislative changes in services; helps facilitate the coordination of services between state and private agencies; and promotes innovative preventative and treatment approaches for improving the mental health of children and youth.

Current Advocacy Activities:

--Cooperating with the Department of Education in evaluating the State's special education classes for severely disturbed children.

--Monitoring the services of the eight children's mental health teams and the Children's Mental Health Services Branch.

--Helping parents of emotionally handicapped children to find appropriate educational and therapeutic services.

--Assessing the need for group homes, day treatment and other facilities for teenagers with emotional problems.

--Working with public and private agencies to improve preventative services for families in the following areas: child abuse, parenting education, medical rights, and violence on television.

Child Advocacy
Office of Children and Youth
P.O. Box 3044
Honolulu, Hawaii 96802 Telephone: 808/548-7583

Contact Person: Mrs. Genevieve T. Okinaga, Director

Purpose:
Establish statewide goals and objectives relating to Hawaii's target groups birth to age 24. Primarily a child advocacy agency servicing approximately 385,000 youngsters. Conduct research, ensure coordination among and between programs and services, and assure proper evaluation of programs and services relating to children and youth. Identify critical gaps or problems and promote corrective action.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Conduct studies on statewide comprehensive emergency services needs, child care needs, after-school activities of elementary age children, child abuse and neglect prevention needs, status of funding base of shelters for youth offenders, transportation needs for handicapped youngsters, status of respite facilities for handicapped children and prevention of Rubella-caused birth defects. Develop and operate an information system and provide consultation and technical assistance to service agencies.

ILLINOIS

Mayor's Office of Child Care Services
123 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telephone: 312/744-7810

Contact Person: Murrell Syler

Purpose:
Coordinates all child care services for the City of Chicago, including licensing of day care center, program planning, training programs and support services. Activities are directed toward the improvement of Child Care Programs and effective utilization of existing child care services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Provides referral services, technical assistance and counseling to prospective and existing day care center operators. Community groups, individuals, agnecies, and organizations, providing child care services, are given information about child care. Conducts studies and research to identify areas of need and service gaps and assists in the development of program plans to fill identified needs. Monitors and acts as source of information about child care legislation. Publishes quarterly newsletter on issues and current events in child care. Coordinates workshops and seminars on topics related to child care.

Social Advocacy Department
United Charities of Chicago
64 E. Jackson Boulevard, 7th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60604 Telephone: 312/939-5930
ext. 214

Contact Person: John D. Purdy

Purpose:

A service designed to improve life conditions of people and especially families. Its purpose is to see to it that systems and institutions which affect families work for and, where possible, with those families -- not against them. Program emphasis is on humanizing and making more effective the contacts of people with institutions -- both public and private -- and the framework within which institutions serve people.

Current advocacy activities:

Currently our committee and staff are relating in several ways at various levels to the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Since the function or malfunction of this system has great impact upon a large number of our clients, activities range from challenges by our Legal Aid Bureau where regulations are not upheld, to the providing of systems experts for intake design. Also working on public education and health.

The Child Advocate Association
19 South La Salle Street, #401
Chicago, Illinois 60603 Telephone: 312/263-0406

Contact Person: Teri Talan

Purpose:
To improve social and legal services for abused and neglected children.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The Association has several specific goals, including:
- -the establishment of hospital based, interdisciplinary, inter-agency child abuse teams at key hospitals in Cook County.
- -the development of a pool of volunteer attorneys from major downtown law firms to provide legal assistance in child abuse cases.
- -the provision of legal and social work consultation to medical personnel, social workers, and other professionals dealing with child abuse.

Child Advocacy
Illinois Commission on Children
3 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Room 206
Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217/782-7833

Contact Person: Donna Gleespen

Purpose:

The development and promotion of solutions to meet the needs of children are the basis for the workload of the Commission. This is carried on through special project committees and consultation and preparation of materials for persons in policy-making responsibilities. A unique feature of the Commission on Children has been and continues to be that working committees of the Commission not only have responsibility for the fact finding and determination of the scope of the problem, but the responsibility for helping to bring about the implementation of the solutions they develop.

Current Advocacy Activities:

Rights of minors, deinstitutionalization of children when necessary, diversion from court proceedings when unnecessary, limitations on detention, right to treatment when custody removed, appropriate educational services, interrelationship of preventive services to remedial services, duties of State Administration for delivery of services as opposed to authorizations or authority to do so but no mandate, comprehensive planning as opposed to fragmented planning, licensing and monitoring of children's services.

IOWA

Iowa Council for Children
Office for Planning and Programming
523 East 12th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319 Telephone: 515/281-3986

Contact Person: Carol J. Culler

Purpose:
To promote the effective use of public and private resources in order to provide maximum opportunities for each child to reach his or her full potential. The Council serves as an information center, informing the public of available resources and facilitating communications among the various agencies and organizations. The Council works with both the providers and recipients of resources in order to help improve existing services and stimulate the development of needed programs.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--provide assistance at the district and local levels to facilitate coordination of services to children;
--develop a state training plan of available training opportunities for day care providers;
--adopt state policy statements regarding children and families;
--develop continuing educational opportunities for parents;
--prepare and distribute periodical informational papers and legislative updates outlining both federal and state issues, e.g., information on the Food and Nutrition Program, Title XX training funds, and a child care insurance evaluation;
--continue to promote more services and better access to health care;
--publish a comprehensive booklet on the "Status of Children in Iowa";
--continue the expansion of the public information program;
--publish a monthly newsletter entitled, "Children: Iowa Growing Resource" and distribute it to over 2,500 people, both in and outside of the state; and
--continue to promote increased usage of the Child Care Food Program.

Iowa Children's Lobby
Iowa Children's and Family Services
1101 Walnut
Des Moines, Iowa 50309 Telephone: 515/288-1981

Contact Person: Jeanne Dixon, Chairperson
Department of Child Development
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa 50010

Purpose:
A coalition of providers, professionals and consumers to work for improved legislation for children.

Current advocacy activities:
-Developing a working, lobbying board
-Establishing an office with paid staff

KANSAS

Child Advocacy
Kansas Council for Children & Youth
Box 4194
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Contact Person: C.E. "Ken" Kennedy Telephone: 913/532-5505

Purpose:
The purpose of the Council is to serve as advocate for Children's concerns and to facilitate communication among groups and organizations serving children. Six study committees monitor the status of services and the well being of children and families. These committees are: Early Childhood, Middle Childhood and Adolescence, Handicapped Children, Children in Stress, Health Services for Children and Education-Recreation-and-Moral Development.

Child Advocacy Activities:
KCCY supported proposals that will expand, the mandate to report child abuse and neglect, promote continuing education for SRS staff and improve inter-state communication. It has encouraged the legislature to maintain present standards for child care centers. As a result of KCCY involvement, Kansas was successful in achieving leadership for the subsidizing of adoptions. The use of school and state monies for special education, as well as the role of family life education curriculum in the classroom were recommendations from KCCY. The organization has also reacted to revisions and proposals concerning the juvenile code and children's residential centers.

KENTUCKY

Institute for Children
Department for Human Resources
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 Telephone: 502/564-6786

Contact Person: Director, Institute for Children

Purpose:
To advise the Citizen's Commission for Human Resources, the Secretary for Human Resources and other officials of the Commonwealth on policy matters relating to the development and delivery of services to children from birth to 18 years of age. Institute will also facilitate regular and meaningful communication between citizens and state officials.

Current advocacy activities:
Immediate priorities are: (1) establishment of a comprehensive program for early detection of children's health and development problems; (2) development of master plan for provision of preventive and treatment services to children with emotional problems.

Institute has established following Task Groups and Committees to carry out its activities: Early Childhood Development; Children with Emotional Problems.

Kentucky Youth Advocates, Inc.
2024 Woodford Place
Louisville, Kentucky 40205 Telephone: 502/459-7751 or 502/456-2140

Contact Person: David Richart

Purpose:
To assume a leadership role in making social and legal institutions more responsive to the needs of Kentucky's youth.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--sponsored first annual conference on the needs of Kentucky's children;
--proposes to intercede on behalf of those children whose needs are unmet by increasing public awareness, proposing legislative changes, readjusting budgets, and filing civil suits on behalf of children;
--special interests include: neglected/dependent/abused children and youth with emotional problems

MARYLAND

Montgomery County Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C) Council
301 East Jefferson Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850 Telephone: 301/279-1773

Contact Person: Meg Riesett

Purpose:
- -To be a catalytic resource in area of children's services
- -To improve quality of all services to children.
- -To better coordinate existing services.

Current advocacy activities:
- -Information to citizens via newsletter, special reports, and media publicity; telephone referral service.
- -Collecting data on children's services.
- -Analyzing state, federal and local legislation.
- -Technical assistance to day care centers, including on-going workshops for center directors.
- -Analyzing and reviewing proposed new services for city government.

Maryland 4-C Committee (Community Coordinated Child Care)
1123 North Eutaw Street, Suite 600
Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Telephone: 301/383-5620

Contact Person: Jean Berman Weinberg

Purpose:
Provide the organizational framework for the improvement and expansion of child care and child development programs with primary emphasis on the public service delivery system.

Current Advocacy Activities:
-Distribution and interpretation of a Maryland State Plan for Coordinated Child Development Services published in February 1975.
-Distribution and interpretation of the Hours Between - Community Responses to School Age Child Care, published in March, 1975.
-Organization and maintenance of county 4-C Councils.
-Publication of a bimonthly newsletter (4,000 copies).
-Selected activity on special pieces of legislation.
-Central Resource for Information and Referral.
-Technical assistance to Maryland Counties in Family Day Care Training
-Design, implement, and assess needs surveys for children's services

Citizen Advocacy Program
Carroll County Association for
Retarded Citizens, Inc.
562 Baltimore Boulevard
Westminster, Maryland 21157 Telephone: 301/848-4124

Contact Person: Steve Horr, Director of Services

Purpose:
To broaden the retarded person's experiences by giving him/her time with a volunteer on a one-to-one basis. The volunteer can help meet the retarded person's needs by being a friend, teacher, legal advocate, or all three roles. Secondary purposes are to involve more community members in our cause and to provide parents with respite from constant care of the retarded.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Relationships are allowed to develop with particular attention to the retarded person's needs. The Association sponsors supportive group functions that are of a social, recreational, and experiential nature.

The Association operates transportation, camping and recreational programs, legal and government affairs, publicity and research committees, and serves indirectly through a scholarship program for professionals in special education.

Maryland Action for Foster Children, Inc.
7301 Bradley Blvd.
Bethesda, Maryland 20034 Telephone: 301/365-4294

Contact person: Dr. Kyra M. Hewitt

Purpose:
- -Work to improve care and services to children in foster care placement.
- -Build public awareness of the needs of foster children.
- -Help recruit foster parents.

Current Advocacy Activities:

- -Sponsored a community education workshop.
- -Hosted a National Action for Foster Children Committee meeting; in conjunction with the NAFC meeting, held workshops concerning foster parent liability insurance, citizen review boards and federal legislation impacting foster care.
- -Supported state legislation for passage of a Guardian ad Litem bill.
- -Anne Arundel county chapter developed a Foster Care Review Systems Seminar for the purpose of implementing foster care review systems in the state of Maryland.
- -Anne Arundel county implemented a citizen's foster care review board system.

MASSACHUSETTS

Help for Children
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office for Children (Region V)
1001 Watertown Street
West Newton, Massachusetts 02165 Telephone: 617/727-2532

Contact Person: John H. Britt

Purpose:
For the parent of a handicapped child, for a teacher who knows of children who are being abused, or for a teenager with problems, help is not always easy to find. There can be confusion, red tape and dead ends.

Help for Children is an advocacy program administered by the State Office Children. It is designed to help these children and their parents to "get through the system."

Current advocacy activities:
Currently engaged in a wide range of advocacy issues including:
Special education services
Protective services
Survey of residential alternatives for adolescents
Interdepartmental coordination of children's services

Note: State Office for Children is located at 120 Boylston Street, Boston, 022116; Help for Children is one activity, and programs are located throughout the state.

Massachusetts Committee on Children and Youth
Massachusetts Fund on Children and Youth
14 Beacon Street, Suite 706
Boston, Massachusetts 02108 Telephone: 617/742-8555

Contact Person: Dr. Harold Goldmeier

Purpose:
To promote the best interests of children and youth in the State of Massachusetts, with special emphasis on health and welfare issues.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--High risk infants - children born to drug dependent women
--School-age pregnancy
--Improving access of handicapped children to vocational education
--Problems of runaways
--Youth employment
--Adoption
--Court system regarding juveniles

Help for Children
Office for Children
1618 Main Street 4th Floor (405)
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103 Telephone: 413/733-4161 or 4162

Contact Person: Roger Brunelle or Carolyn Crane

Purpose:
Provides information-referral-follow-up-advocacy on individual case basis--Any problem involving children to age 18.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Individual case advocacy

MICHIGAN

School Youth Advocacy
300 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48926 Telephone: 517/373-8225

Contact Person: Gwen McIntosh

Purpose:

The diversion of "high risk" school age youth from further movement into the juvenile justice system. School Youth Advocacy provides the schools with a program that can serve as a substitute for suspension, expulsion and other costlier forms of discipline.

The modality used in this diversionary process is called Guided Group Interaction or G.G.I. This is a peer counseling process. Ten students meet for one hour a day under the supervision of a trained group leader and solve problems by way of a eight step problem solving technique.

Current Advocacy Activities:

School Youth Advocacy provides a vehicle for the active involvement of many youth in an honest, straight forward problem solving approach that take into account not only the problems they themselves encounter, but the rights, concerns and needs of others as well. Students are taught to care for the rights of others as they actively seek solutions to their own problems.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services for Developmentally Disabled Citizens
Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens
416 Michigan National Tower
Lansing, Michigan 48933 Telephone: 517/487-1755

Contact Persons: Kathleen A. Barnes and Terry Hunt

Purpose:

To establish a coordinated system of providing statewide citizen advocacy services to developmentally disabled individuals in Michigan by: (1) developing a structured state plan that can be implemented in any community; (2) stimulate community interest and involvement; (3) determine possible extent of need in each locale; (4) identify and acquire sources of funding for planned local programs; (5) hire and train local citizen advocacy coordinators; (6) develop and disseminate materials to be used by local coordinators and advocates; and (7) assist in in-service training of citizen advocates.

Current Advocacy Activities:

We are currently working on 20 citizen advocacy projects around the state. They include county and institutional models. We also have developed training packets for local coordinator and advocates with the assistance of NARC's Child Advocacy Project staff.

Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care (4C) Council
Lewis Cass Building, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 30026
Lansing, Michigan 48909 Telephone: 517/373-7961

Contact Person: Susan G. Brook

Purpose:
The Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care (4C) Council is designed to advocate for the comprehensive, effective delivery of services to children in Michigan. It is a coalition of public and private administrative agencies, public and private providers, and parents/consumers of children's services. It cooperatively functions to promote the optimum development of children within resources available and to strengthen the statewide network of local/regional 4C organizations for the purpose of improving and expanding the quality, scope, continuity and availability of child-oriented family support services. In short, the 4C Council is a child advocate, a proponent of quality children's services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The Michigan 4C Council's activities are based upon its advocacy, coordination and technical assistance functions. Current activities include informational materials development and distribution, analyses of child care legislation and regulation, assistance to local/regional 4C organizations, and assistance to and coordination with other child-oriented organizations.

MINNESOTA

Enabler's, Inc.
104 West Franklin
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404 Telephone: 612/871-4994

Contact Person: Terri Barreiro, Director

Purpose:
To provide support and assistance to agencies that serve youth in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Consult with youth programs to design program review systems to reassess program goals and objectives and to determine its effectiveness and community impact;
--Provide assistance and training in grantsmanship, program development, financial management and organizational procedures;
--Provide information regarding available resources and current issues in youth services by publishing directory of youth agencies and a newsletter for youth services;
--Special Projects (1977-78): Sponsor research project to examine juvenile prostitution in Twin Cities area.

Family and Children's Service
414 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404 Telephone: 612/340-7444

Contact Persons: Jerri Sudderth and Earl J. Beatt

Purpose:
To help clients whether individuals, families, or entire communities, to deal with social institutions (e.g., welfare health, education, housing) which have negative effects on them. Staff represents the interests of clients and attempts to bring about positive changes in the systems which have caused problems. The major goals of this service are to improve existing public and voluntary services and their delivery, and facilitate the development of new and changed forms of social services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--work with community organizations and agencies in developing and facilitating the implementation of programs to meet their needs;
--bring about positive changes in those dysfunctional institutions, systems, and attitudes which negatively affect families.

The City Inc. - Legal Project
The City Inc.
1536 E. Lake Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407 Telephone: 612/724-2117

Contact Person: David Nasby

Purpose:
To provide advocacy and support for youth from this neighborhood in the process of adjudication.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Through a program of "peer advocacy" the entire peer group begins to assume responsibility for the development of positive behavior patterns in one of its members and as a result there is conscious examination of behavior alternatives.
--Maintains a liaison with probation officers, parole officers, police and numerous community resources for chemical treatment.
--Maintains a prison visitation program for friends and relatives of inmates in state institutions. This has been implemented with the belief that inmates must maintain relationship with family members as an essential ingredient for successful return to the community.

Youth Advocacy
St. Paul Public Schools
360 Colborne Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 Telephone: 612/298-5864

Contact Person: Martin Oyen

Purpose:
--To give specialized attention, especially in education, to young persons who are on parole to the State of Minnesota or probation to Ramsey County and those who are pre-delinquent as judged by school professional staffs.
--To help schools play a more vital role in the rehabilitation of these young people.
--To bridge the gap between various agencies and the adjudicated youth.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Individualized educational and social casework, local conferences to develop program objectives, effort to construct appropriate strategies for change in systems to aid students. Ongoing evaluation data collection.

MISSISSIPPI

Southeastern Public Education Program
American Friends Service Committee
P.O. Box 22652
Jackson, Mississippi 39205 Telephone: 601/948-0852

Contact Person: Winifred Green

Purpose:
SEPEP monitors implementation of federal and state law programs relating to civil rights and education; encourages and assists parental participation in the educational process, and provides legal informational resources to parents, students, teachers, and community organizations; also active in supporting community controlled child care.

Current Advocacy Activities:
SEPEP acts as secretariat to FOCAL, a coalition of community-based day care centers in Alabama; has been active in trying to establish model day care codes; publishes a newsletter on school finance reform, and in other ways supports finance reform; through its staff in Alabama, in Georgia and South Carolina works with community people concerned about student rights, sexism in education, and school desegregation problems; has actively supported parent advisory committees formed under Title I ESEA to know and perform their responsibilities.

MISSOURI

Missouri Citizens for Child Advocacy (MCCA-II)
Missouri Child Care Association (MCCA)
P.O. Box 2346 (319 Broadway)
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 Telephone: 314/635-7226

Contact Persons: John Dundas and Anne C. Walker

Purpose:
To strengthen the state's capacity to expand and improve services to children and their families, through maximum citizen participation in decisions made by the legislature, the courts, and service agencies which impact children and their families.

Current Advocacy Activities:
(1) Collecting and reviewing Family Impact Statement literature; (2) reviewing social service agency budgets; (3) monitoring legislative reviews of agency programs and budgets; (4) negotiating program and budget issues with state agency officials; (5) interviewing potential advocacy leadership; (6) attempting to determine the most appropriate geographic areas for the development of region-based advocacy structures; (7) reviewing sources of data for the assessment of the needs of children and their families; (8) reviewing selected components of amendments to the Comprehensive Annual Social Services Program Plan (Title XX); (9) re-developing the MCCA brochure and other program description materials; (10) exploring private foundation funding potential.

Missouri Developmental Disabilities
Protection and Advocacy Services, Inc.
420A Brooks Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 Telephone: 314/636-8113

Contact Person: Linda Hughes, Acting Coordinator

Purpose:

Developmental disabilities are those disabilities which are attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or autism and which originate before the age of eighteen. This disability can be expected to continue indefinitely and constitutes a handicap to the person's ability to function in our society. Missouri Developmental Disabilities Protection and Advocacy Services hopes to (1) secure existing rights for all developmentally disabled persons in the State; (2) promote training of developmentally disabled persons, their families, and/or the public to perform protective and advocacy functions; (3) educate the general public as to the rights of the developmentally disabled; (4) promote the development of an effective Statewide advocacy network; and (5) encourage administrative and legal reforms on issues relating to the rights of the developmentally disabled.

Current Advocacy Activities:

Activities include: (1) distribution of a series of public service announcements concerning the services offered by Missouri Developmental Disabilities Protection and Advocacy Services; (2) preparation and distribution of a series of educational materials regarding the rights of the developmentally disabled; (3) provision of assistance and/or representation to developmentally disabled in seeking remedies to violations of their rights; (5) monitoring legislative activities affecting developmentally disabled and educating elected officials as to the services needed; (6) establishing a network of local citizen advocacy programs.

Governor's Committee for Children and Youth
Broadway State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 Telephone: 314/751-2445

Contact Person: Marie Williams

Purpose:

To serve as an advocate for all children and youth; to advise and assist the Governor and other appropriate state officials and state legislators in initiating, evaluating, and implementing programs and public policies that affect children and youth and their families; to work with public and private agencies, citizens, and community organizations to affect improved and extended services to strengthen and enhance conditions affecting children and their families; to continue follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations from state and national efforts relating to the 1970 and 1971 White House Conferences on Children and on Youth; and to take the leadership in the state to plan for White House Conference(s) relating to children and their families that may be convened by President Carter.

Current Advocacy Activities:

Updating MISSOURI LAWS AFFECTING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND MINORS, a compilation of all state statutes affecting children, youth, and minors; monitoring implementation and effectiveness of the child abuse and neglect law; developing a "how-to" manual for the development of the inter-disciplinary approach to the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect; sponsorship of the Annual Youth Legislative Forum; Annual Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, and of the Statewide Conference on Juvenile Justice; implementation of Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program.

MONTANA

Child and Youth Development Bureau
Social and Rehabilitation Services
P.O. Box 1723
Helena, Montana 59601 Telephone: 406/449-3724

Contact Person: Charles F. McCarthy

Purpose:
--Institutional change through community organization and advocacy
--Program planning, development and implementation

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Alternative schools; alternative care (group homes, attention homes, treatment center, foster care and day care development); shelter care and detention planning; recreation; adventure; team intervention; volunteerism; juvenile defense; teacher training; prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and other programs in development, prevention, intervention and rehabilitation of children and youth.
--Collect and disseminate child development information.
--Provide technical assistance and training to local communities and 4C's.

Montanans for Children, Youth and Families, Inc.
417 West Hayes Street
Bozeman, Montana 59715 Telephone: 406/587-7708

Contact Person: Geraldine G. Fenn

Purpose:
--Build programs and recommendations for action.
--Stimulate cooperation and coordination.
--Facilitate widespread involvement with children and youth issues.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Sponsoring the White House Conferences on Families effort in Montana. Presently organizing conferences in fourteen communities with eighty steering committee people active. Holding quarterly conferences throughout the state for our fifty member board to learn more about programs, problems and services related to families and children.

4-C's Community Coordinated Child Care
Billings Voice for Children
928 Broadwater, Suite 221
Billings, Montana 59201 Telephone: 406/245-6157

Contact Person: Zoe Gerhart or Don Petterson

Purpose:
The primary purpose of this project is to encourage community coordinated planning for child services (1) to act as child advocates (2) to catalyze the development of needed children's services (3) to enable coordination of existing services (4) to develop community awareness of child welfare issues.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Upgrade quality of day care through coordination of training services at the local and state level.
--Assess current services to children.
--Act as clearinghouse for information about day care, child development and related topics.
--Identify areas where services are not accessible or not being provided and mobilizing community efforts to fill needs.

Advocacy Region II
2626 2nd Avenue South
Great Falls, Montana 59405 Telephone: 406/453-3273

Contact Person: Marian Lane, Director

Purpose:
--to provide active and informed advocates in a one-to-one relationship for developmentally disabled individuals residing in Group homes, natural homes and independent living in a nine county area.
--to provide protection of the protege's civil rights.
--to provide social interaction and community experiences for proteges.
--to provide community education and awareness of the developmentally disabled person, his needs and growth potential.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--the recruitment, training and matching of advocates with proteges.
--a resource and model for other cities wishing to initiate Citizen Advocacy programs.
--"Peer Counseling" course in interpersonal communication in cooperation with the College of Great Falls and Opportunities Incorporated (a Community Action Program) and developmentally disabled persons.
--workshops for training of advocates, parents and program providers.
--a consultant and a resource, as Montana's first Citizen Advocacy program to the Protection and Advocacy System Plan.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Child Advocacy Program
Child and Family Services of New Hampshire
99 Hanover Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03101 Telephone: 603/668-1920

Contact Person: Jack Lightfoot

Purpose:
The purpose of our advocacy program is to insure that the community systems, bureaucracies, and institutions with direct bearing on children and their families work for them, rather than against them.

Current Advocacy Activities:
(1) Involving community mental health agencies and others in evaluating and meeting problems confronting children; (2) involving citizens, parents, and professionals, through a state-wide coalition, in working toward meeting the needs of children in foster care; (3) continued efforts in advocating improved legislation on behalf of children.

NEW JERSEY

Citizens Committee for Children of New Jersey
251 Park Street
Montclair, New Jersey 07043 Telephone: 201/783-7870

Contact Persons: Linda J. Wood and James B. Bosky

Purpose:
Citizens Committee for Children of New Jersey (CCCNJ) is a statewide, nonprofit organization committed to facilitating constructive change in policies and programs affecting children. The only organization of its kind within New Jersey, CCCNJ has developed and operated a low-cost advocacy system which has focused public attention on the impact of policies and programs that affect children and the organization has served as a catalyst for constructive change.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--assessing policies and procedures for placement of children in residential facilities, with a particular focus on out-of-state placement;
--analyzing legislation for a statewide citizen board to review the cases of all children placed out of their homes;
--monitoring the implementation of child abuse laws;
--doing a major study on the characteristics of children in shelter and detention facilities; and
--reviewing state and federal foster care and adoption laws.

Citizen Advocacy Program
55 High Street
Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060 Telephone: 609/267-5880

Contact Person: Maxine J. Prescott

Purpose:
Match volunteer citizen advocates on a one-to-one basis with disabled (cerebral palsied, mentally retarded and epileptic) children and/or the children of retarded adults.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Direct advocacy
--Volunteer advocates matched to families in which children are being abused
--Training of service agencies, specifically aimed toward resources for retarded
--Volunteer advocates matched on a one-to-one basis
--Crisis intervention
--Information and referral
--Public awareness - training of service agencies

New Jersey Governor's State Committee
on Children and Youth
Department of Community Affairs
Office of Youth Services
P.O. Box 2768
Trenton, New Jersey 08625 Telephone: 609/292-0006
609/292-5854

Contact Persons: Richard W. Knight and Anne Okubo

Purpose:
The investigation and recommendation of solutions to problems affecting youths in the State of New Jersey. The Committee is composed of representatives in the areas of education, welfare, government, juvenile justice, health, and includes youth representation. Problem areas are defined and investigated by sub-committees which compile facts and develop recommendations for changes in youth services and legislation.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The revision of the juvenile justice system which emphasizes preventative rather than punitive measures; the expansion of youth employment programs; the re-evaluation of the educational system to respond more closely to the needs of modern youths; the coordination of detection and treatment programs for the handicapped youth; the encouragement of youth participation in decision-making bodies.

NEW MEXICO

State Children's Services System
State Youth Services System
New Mexico Committee on Children and Youth
604 Mountain Road, N.E.
P.O. Box 26584
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125 Telephone: 505/842-3049

Contact Person: Arthur Armijo

Purpose:
(1) Act as a focal point for childrens' services, youth development (2) coordinate planning and program efforts between children and youth service providers, (3) act as a children and youth advocate (4) provide and maintain technical assistance to local, state, and federal entities, (5) act as a clearinghouse on programs, services, data and other information affecting children and youth.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Children and Youth Information Center (statewide);
--Technical assistance and program development to local communities;
--An examination of agency statutes, policies and legislation affecting children and youth;
--Needs assessment and program planning in special areas of concern;
--Creation of state council on children and youth services;
--Identify supportive services which can be linked in order to provide comprehensive quality care;
--Implement a Child Nutrition Reimbursement program for day care homes (5 or less children);
--Implement a Youth Employment Training Services program for disadvantaged youth;
--Implement a Foster Grandchild Volunteer program.

NEW YORK

Advocates for Children of New York
29-28 41st Avenue, Room 508
Long Island City, New York 11101 Telephone:212/786-9100

Contact Person: Miriam Thompson

Purpose:
Through use of child advocates and attorneys, represents student and parent grievances in the NYC public schools to insure and protect every child's right to an education.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Publishes the "Advocate" quarterly which provides case studies, education law, advocacy skills, news of workshops, exposes issues of public concern, organizes to rally community support.
--The project is focusing on dropouts, truants, handicapped children.
--Examines Board of Education budget priorities and allocation of resources.
--Specific issues include:
-Excessive high school drop-out levels
-Quality of special education services for the handicapped
-Fragmented mental health care
-Problems of developing community residential programs
-Public access to information on the operation of public agencies and publicly funded organizations.

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc.
2 Park Avenue, Room 2310
New York, New York 10016 Telephone: 212/673-1800

Contact Person: Jesse Wolff

Purpose:
Non-profit, research and action organization devoted to the improvement and delivery of services for children in New York.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--On-going Projects: Children's Rights and Welfare; Health; Orientation Course for Community Leadership.
--Special Projects Completed and Reports Published: Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT/CHAP) Project; Task Force on Children of Mentally Ill Mothers; Task Force on Group Homes; Task Force on Special Education.
--Other short-term projects: Impact of City Budget Cuts on Ambulatory Health Services; Task Force on Temporary Care; Task Force on Family Service Re-organization.
--Litigation: Amicus in Wilder v. Sugarman (religious and racial discrimination in foster care).

Advocacy Project
United Cerebral Palsy Associations
of New York State, Inc.
815 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017 Telephone: 212/682-7010

Contact Person: Robert Schonhorn

Purpose:
To promote legislation to improve programming and societal conditions for the developmentally disabled; to involve consumers in UCPA policy making and planning functions; to develop programs to fill service gaps; to assist in providing community alternatives for institutionalized developmentally disabled.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Development of a community residential and rehabilitation facility for 50 Willow Brook patients.

Rockland County Child Advocacy and Advisory Council
County Office Building
New Hempstead Road
New City, New York 10956 Telephone: 914/638-0500

Contact Person: Charles G. Davis

Purpose:
To serve as an advisory body to the Legislature of Rockland County in connection with problems arising out of the Council's services as advocate and ombudsman for those children who are:
--excluded from regular classes of the public school system;
--learning disabled children;
--in homes and schools for retarded, handicapped and otherwise disabled or disturbed children;
--in residential shelters for neglected and disturbed children;
--in need of special health and educational treatment;
--in day treatment programs for health, mental health, and mental retardation services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--The Council acts on individual parent complaints, such as lack of transportation, and provides informational services.
--The Council has supported group homes/community settings for handicapped children;
--Class actions, such as 20 parents of severely multiple handicapped children signed complaints against a school for abuse regarding their children, for the lack of available services, inferior building, etc. The Council was instrumental in gaining required services and the restructuring of the school program.
--Presently the Council is conducting a survey of all special education facilities in Rockland County.
--The Council has published a directory of special services available to handicapped children in Rockland County.
--The Council has published a guide to the educational rights of the handicapped.

Child Advocacy Project
The Center on Human Policy
216 Ostrom Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13210 Telephone: 315/423-3851

Contact Person: Douglas Biklen, Director

Purpose:
To study and promote the creation of open settings for all people. The Center on Human Policy offers legal assistance to establish the rights of children, training in advocacy organizing, policy research, advocacy resources (books, pamphlets, posters, and slide shows on institutions and alternatives), and training in the evaluation of the quality of human services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Legal rights services; advocacy for quality education for children with disabilities; training in mainstreaming, institutional life for children, alternatives to institutions, law and education, and alternative residential care; community education; publication of advocacy resources; annual lecture series on advocacy and social change; parent organizing; and advocacy for children with disabilities.

NORTH CAROLINA

Child Advocacy Commission of Durham, Inc.
P.O. Box 1151
Durham, North Carolina 27701 Telephone: 919/682-1129

Contact Person: Larry Stegall

Purpose:
It is our purpose to advocate for the child, especially for the child for whom no one speaks: for the retarded, the deprived, undisciplined, and the unloved.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The objectives are to speak for the needs of all children from birth to age 18 and to make it possible for them to develop as far as their biological potential will permit. Current activities are in the areas of delinquency diversion, group homes, abuse and neglect, day care and transportation, shelter care.

Durham County Interagency Council
on Developmental Disabilities
c/o Durham County Community Mental Health Center
414 East Main Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701 Telephone: 919/682-9248

Contact Person: James Trent

Purpose:
To provide a mechanism for communication, coordination and cooperation of services and advocacy for children and adults with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and other similar disabilities.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Bi-monthly information exchange meetings
--Human Sexuality and Mental Retardation Training Project
--Deinstitutionalization Project
--Murdoch Center - Durham County Liaison
--Cooperation with Child Advocacy Commission of Durham

Governor's Advocacy Council on Children and Youth
Department of Administration
Albemarle Building - Room 612
325 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 Telephone: 919/733-3111

Contact Person: Judi Gardner

Purpose:
--Review State agency programs for children and recommend improvements when needed.
--Help coordinate State programs for children to avoid duplication and fragmentation of services.
--Review new programs for children and recommend improvements in plans.
--Provide information and assistance to the public, particularly to consumers of services, regarding programs and advocacy.
--Assist individual children and their families to find help and services that they have been unable to obtain.
--Assist communities in the development of local child advocacy systems.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--State agency coordination, maintaining liaison with all key state agencies.
--Assistance to consumer organizations - provide information access to state agencies, and other assistance.
--Individual advocacy - solve problems affecting individual children brought to our attention through Department of Human Resources Hotline and through other means.
--Assist in development of local child advocacy systems; plan, provide technical assistance, provide regular information on state programs.
--Overall emphasis tends to be on children with special needs.

Forsyth County Juvenile Justice Council, Inc.
955 Burke Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27102 Telephone:919/724-0452

Contact Persons: Elizabeth Rich and Linda Garrou

Purpose:
The Juvenile Justice Council works to unify and increase the efforts of lay people and professionals in the Juvenile Justice field to reduce delinquency, divert juveniles from training schools, and more effectively treat juvenile offenders.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Improving services delivery for troubled children and their families;
--Establishing a crisis nursery for abused children;
--Reviewing proposals to give comprehensive rather than fragmented services for troubled children and their families;
--Educating public about abuse and neglect;
--Working to develop effective, accountable community-based alternatives to training schools for status offenders and delinquents;
--Keeping council members aware of proposed legislation regarding children and working with local legislative delegation about concerns;
--Supporting and monitoring detention center and juvenile court services;
--Working to develop additional residential care services for children with special needs; and
--Providing leadership for citizen efforts to improve the juvenile justice system by arranging training, access to information, and avenues of service.

NORTH DAKOTA

Protection and Advocacy Project for the Developmentally Disabled
Governor's Council on Human Resources
State Capitol - 13th Floor
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505 Telephone: 701/224-2972

Contact Person: Barbara C. Braun, Project Director

Purpose:

The goals of this advocacy project are as follows: (1) to insure the exercise of the full rights of citizenship by all persons in North Dakota who have developmental disabilities; (2) to develop in the general public and in professionals in fields related to persons with developmental disabilities an awareness of the rights of such persons; (3) to develop in persons with developmental disabilities and their families the ability to be self-advocates; (4) to work toward the improvement of the total service delivery system in North Dakota as it affects persons with developmental disabilities; and (5) to promote awareness and continual improvement of the total developmental disabilities protection and advocacy system in North Dakota.

Current Advocacy Activities:

--Insuring the rights of people with developmental disabilities;
--providing public information regarding rights of the developmentally disabled;
--assisting consumers and their families to obtain services, negotiating on behalf of individuals to obtain services, representing individuals in administrative hearings - special education and related services have been major concerns;
--developing and conducting training sessions for lay advocates; and
--working with various agencies to develop better services for people with developmental disabilities.

OHIO

Comprehensive Community Child Care
2400 Reading Road, Room 403
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Telephone: 513/621-8585

Contact Person: Nancy S. Swain

Purpose:
Planning, coordination and advocacy for quality services to children and their families in Hamilton County.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Information and Referral System for Child Care Centers in Hamilton County.
--Advocacy and information/education around legislative issues.
--Publication of model personnel policies, job descriptions and career ladders.
--Monitoring and Administering of all City of Cincinnati Community Development funds in child care through Scholarships and Title XX Match.
--Technical Assistance to Center Directors, fiscal staff and Boards in areas of budgeting, bookkeeping, accounting, reporting, contracts, etc.
--Technical Assistance to Center Directors and Program Staff in Early Childhood Education: Workshops, Seminars and Observations.
--Orientation/Training for family day care home providers certified by the Welfare Department.
--Expanded Training to Title XX funded centers in areas of fiscal management and early childhood education.

Center for Human Services
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44115 Telephone: 216/621-4163

Contact Person: Mrs. Janet Bernon

Purpose:
Strengthening of family life and assisting in the human development of children, youth, and adults, to identify those issues that affect the individuals and families that are served by the Center for Human Services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Influence legislation affecting children's services.
--Mobilization of response to Federal legislation, i.e. HR 7200.
--Cooperation with other advocacy groups in support of public policies that strengthen individual and family living.
--Helped to submit Ohio Commission for Children.

Operation Special Friend and Project P.A.T.H.
(Parents Alerted to Help)
Summit County Association for Retarded Citizens
P.O. Box 378
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278 Telephone: 216/633-6060

Contact Person: Thomas A. Gannon

Purpose:
To enlist competent citizens who will represent as their own and on an individual basis the interests of other individuals who are in some way developmentally disabled (i.e., mentally retarded, epileptic, and cerebral palsied).

Current Advocacy Activities:

An active personal advocacy program now in its second year of implementation. Forty active one-to-one relationships. A parent to parent, one-to-one program aimed at parents who are new to developmental disabilities. Organized group activities aimed at socialization and appropriate leisure time used for adults who are developmentally disabled.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Governor's Committee on
Children and Youth, Inc.
Department of Institutions
Social and Rehabilitative Services
Sequoyah Memorial Office Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125 Telephone:405/521-3561

Contact Person: Prins Anderson

Purpose:
--Identification of problem areas for study and recommendation;
--Joint sponsorship of conferences with other agencies and organizations;
--Promotion of community concern through provision of materials, speaking and participation in discussions;
--Promoting understanding of pertinent legislation and actively supporting legislation.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Development of Children's Information and Coordination Center, now located in Children's Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City;
--Followup meetings to 1970-1971 White House Conferences on Children and Youth;
--Developing a state level mechanism for assessing, planning, coordinating, developing, and stimulating children's services;
--Development of a communication channel between and among persons needing and/or providing services to children and youth;
--Developed state task forces, working under the auspices of the Governor's Committee that is:
1. providing a constituency for Oklahoma's delegates to the Federal Regional Children and Youth Task Forces,
2. providing working groups to carry out various tasks in specific areas for the Governor's Committee,
3. providing a mechanism through which non-committee members can be involved in the work of the Governor's Committee.

Family Advocacy
Sunbeam Family Services
616 NW 21st
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103 Telephone: 405/528-7721

Contact Person: Larry L. Brown

Purpose:
Family Advocacy is designed to improve life conditions for people, particularly poor people. It is based on the day-to-day work with troubled families whose ability to function is hindered by inadequacies of institutional systems of welfare, housing, health, education and employment. A part of this is to promote legislation to improve the general well being of individuals, families, and the community.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The primary emphases are legislation, health care, and welfare. This agency has actively supported legislation dealing with minors health services, social work licensing, pharmaceuticals, and child welfare concerns. Successful work has been done with local health departments to provide free immunizations to all children in day care at the day care center locations. Agency has a concern for quality foster care and community based institutional care for adolescents. In addition to work on issues, work with the local welfare office is done frequently on a case basis, seeking specific services for specific individuals.

Children's Protective Services Coordinating Committee
Community Service Council
1430 South Boulder
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 Telephone: 918/585-5551

Contact Person: William T. Wilson

Purpose:
This Committee serves as the primary vehicle for coordinating and improving child abuse services in Tulsa. It is composed of 45 agencies that provide direct services or who have a vital interest in improving services to abusive parents and their children.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Legislative advocacy and raising community consciousness; coordination of services provided by the police and hospitals; encourage greater use of the Child Abuse Registry by all professionals; and advocate for such preventive services as 24-hour intake, homemaker services, family crisis centers, and SCAN teams in hospitals.

OREGON

Exceptional Family Advocacy Center
1590 Willamette
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon 97403 Telephone: 503/686-5641

Contact Persons: Dorothy McNair and Bodi Smith

Purpose:
To help developmentally disabled persons, their parents, and their advocates to become knowledgeable of their rights to services and to advocate effectively to obtain appropriate services.

Developmental disabilities are defined as substantial handicaps due to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or dyslexia.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Awareness of the new laws related to the handicapped;
--Training in group self-help skills;
--Helping families with individual problems; and
--Helping handicapped persons and/or their parents deal with the service system.

Salem Youth Commission
City of Salem, Oregon
City Hall
555 Liberty Street, S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97301 Telephone: 503/588-6261

Contact Person: Tom Means

Purpose and Current Advocacy Activities:
--Make recommendations and advise the city council concerning solutions to specific problems involving the youth activities of the community.
--Encourage the initiation of programs of general interest to youth.
--Enlist the cooperation of all segments of the community in being more responsive to the youth community.
--Make and issue reports respecting its studies, research, examinations and other activities, and make annual reports to the city council at such times as may be required by the council.

Oregon Alliance Concerned with School-Age Parents
University of Oregon Health Sciences Center
3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road
Portland, Oregon 97201 Telephone: 503/225-8727 or
1-800/452-1435

Contact Person: Mary Erlandson, R.N.

Purpose:
To serve as an advocate for pregnant adolescents and school-age parents in the State of Oregon.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Provides and exchanges information on adolescent sexuality, pregnancy and parenting;
--provides consultative services to state officials and legislators regarding problems and needs of this target population;
--serves as a rescurce to existing or proposed programs for pregnant adolescents/teenage parents;
--holds workshops/conferences to disseminate and exchange information on adolescent sexuality, pregnancy and parenting; and
--influences educational, social and medical policies related to school-age parents at a State and local level.

Governor's Commission on Youth
Room 103 Executive House
325 Thirteenth Street, N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97310 Telephone: 503/378-4185

Contact Person: Thomas P. Sullivan

Purpose:
Advise the Governor on all matters concerning children and young adults; stimulate study, research, action on behalf of children.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Legislative action in areas of bilingual education, child development specialist, removal of status offense from code, and payment to foster parents.
--Veneral disease research, alcohol research.
--Youth opinion survey - statewide on biennial basis.
--Recruiting and placing 1,000+ youth in Youth Conservation Corps;
--Supporting 25-member Committee in early childhood development.

Metropolitan Youth Commission
319 S.W. Washington Room 907
Portland, Oregon 97204 Telephone: 503/248-4005

Contact Person: Alice Simpson

Purpose:
The purpose of the Metropolitan Youth Commission is twofold:
1. To serve Portland Metropolitan area young people by directing them to available youth service organizations, and
2. To develop these young people by striving to give them a more active role in the decision-making process of youth-oriented programs and projects.

Current Advocacy Activities:

Metropolitan Youth Commission Youth Advisory Council; Project Second Wind; Youth related legislation; Youth Justice Clinic; Publication of Youth Faces the Law Handbook and Youth Programs and Services Directory.

Oregon Association for Retarded Citizens
3085 River Road North
Salem, Oregon 97303 Telephone: 503/390-0330

Contact Person: Gene Solem

Purpose:
--to inform the public of the needs of Oregon's retarded citizens
--to work with the legislature to provide help for the retarded through the passage of much needed laws
--to monitor existing programs for the retarded to see that high standards are met
--to see that all retarded are in programs suitable to their needs
--to help with individual problems of the retarded, including acceptance in schools, employment, etc.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Monitoring 94-142 with regard to Oregon, establishing and working in a cooperative effort with all state agencies connected with the developmentally disabled, perform a crisis advocacy role when the individual is not picked up by the system; and advocate to affect a change, when necessary, in laws, regulations. or procedures of governmental or private agencies.

Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Oregon
League of Women Voters of Oregon
495 State Street, Suite 212
Salem, Oregon 97301 Telephone: 503/581-5722

Contact Person: Mrs. John Miller

Purpose:
To obtain improved planning for, coordination and delivery of mental health services to children and youth in Oregon; provide adequate treatment and preventive services that comply with basic standards of care and treatment and are delivered by qualified personnel; obtain adequate funding; provide special education in the public schools for emotionally disturbed children.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Completed two-year statewide study in September 1974, culminating in two volume report for members and other interested citizens on treatment programs and facilities; juvenile corrections; special education in public schools. Members discussed, arrived at consensus, developed support position on mental health, another lobbied at state legislature for improved mental health services for children.

Represented on: Committee for Children, under Governor's Commission on Youth, which direct the 3rd year of Project Child Plan, financed by an HEW grant, which will test the feasibility of development of a coordinated program for delivery of services to children through local pilot projects.

PENNSYLVANIA

Commonwealth Child Development Committee
Governor's Office
Office for Human Resources
700 State Street Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101 Telephone: 717/787-3489

Contact Person: Donald W. Mathis, Executive Secretary

Purpose:
To function as an inter-agency and parent committee for the promotion, coordination and planning of children's services in Pennsylvania. The Committee is composed of 40 members representing the State agencies, private agencies, and consumers.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Analysis and provision of information on state and federal legislation affecting children to the Governor, the Pennsylvania General Assembly, Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation, public and private agencies and interested citizens.
--Review and approve Head Start proposals on behalf of the Governor.
--Coordination of child development services to improve the effectiveness of services and to maximize available funding sources through responsibility and participation in the work of interagency task forces and committees.
--Continue development of the Committee's State Plan for Child Development through the identification of (1) resources and services available for children, (2) unmet needs of children and their families, and (3) statewide problems and issues in the delivery of services to children.
--Coordinate and supervise the collection of information by local non-profit children's organizations on the demand, preference, and availability of care and day treatment services for children.
--Administer Appalachian Regional Commission Child Development Program funds in Pennsylvania. Evaluate and provide technical assistance to the ARC Child Development Programs.
--Advise the Governor on all matters relating to children and youth.

Family Advocacy
Family and Children's Service
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601 Telephone: 717/397-5241

Contact Person: Vernon C. Richard

Purpose:
Advocacy is a service of this agency whose goal is to fulfill human potential by improving life conditions of people. Arising primarily from case experience of unmet needs, advocacy moves from case to cause, to change dysfunctional community institutions and systems to insure that they work for people, rather than against them.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Class issues arising from a diverse caseload are chosen for study action. Current activities include efforts to strengthen family life education in the community, efforts to help Hispanic counseling agencies develop funding sources and efforts to advocate on behalf of abused children through the Lancaster County Committee on Child Abuse. Two of our projects have recently been spun off and have developed a life of their own. Prescriptive learning centers for underachievers have sprung up in several county schools and a shelter for abused women and their children is strained to capacity.

Child Abuse Prevention Effort
P.O. Box 12662
Philadelphia, Pa. 19129

Contact Person: Mrs. Lee A. Maggio, President

Telephone: Hotline-215/831-8877
Administration - 215/831-8228

Purpose:
To stop present child abuse and prevent future child abuse by working with abusing and high risk parents. To educate the general public about child abuse and to promote understanding of the parent.

Current Advocacy Activities:
ANONYMOUS PARENTS COMMITTEE: Parents learn parenting skills and attend Anonymous Parent Groups, Support Groups, Couple and Individual Counseling.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Prepares materials and runs workshops to educate the general public and professionals about child abuse and parenting skills.
HOTLINE: Trained volunteers man the 24-hour Hotline and offer support and understanding to the caller. Appropriate referrals are made.
SPEAKERS: Trained speakers are available to any group to speak about child abuse and parenting skills.

Public Issues Committee of Episcopal Community Services
225 S. Third
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 Telephone: 215/925-8110

Contact Person: Richard Smith

Purpose:
To recommend to Board of the Council positions to be taken including actions relating to conditions which affect our clients.

Current Advocacy Activities:
-Long range planning for Pennsylvania
-Temporary shelter for youth in trouble
-Volunteer counseling program for the unemployed
-Rehabilitation of housing
-Youth employment institute

Allegheny Children and Youth Service Council
Madison Avenue and Tripoli Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212 Telephone: 412/321-5343 or 321-5344

Contact Person: Nancy S. Bierwerth

Purpose:
To serve as advocate to all children in Allegheny County and surrounding areas. To coordinate and plan for services for children and youth through member agencies. To identify gaps through proper programming. To assist member agencies in planning and programming, and funding. To undertake special interest problems through task forces.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Interceded on behalf of the Pre-adolescent Mental Health Unit at Mayview Hospital to achieve therapeutic environmental atmosphere.
--Work with the Pennsylvania legislature to secure adequate funding for Special Education Programs and Child Welfare Services.
--Worked to achieve passage of adequate status offender legislation.
--Create task forces to consider particular problems and/or current issues associated with children and youth including child welfare services, special education, diversion programs, etc.
--Conducted workshops on Special Education Evaluation of Services and Emergency Response.
--Established a Credit Union for member agencies.
--Publish a newsletter to circulate information to its member agencies.
--Assisted in developing training programs for day care providers and prevention of mental illness.
--Convened meetings on Child and Family Service Act, Child Abuse, Coordination of Services, the Development of the Rights of Children, and other subjects.

Children's Lobby of Western Pennsylvania

4401 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

Contact Person: Dr. Joanne Rodgers Telephone: 412/621-0629
412/461-7210

Purpose:
To speak on behalf of children's services to legislative bodies at all levels of government; to encourage appropriate use of funds for the provision of adequate care and services for children; to mobilize people so that they can respond knowledgeably to legislative and funding issues related to children; and to engage in relevant activities on behalf of children as issues arise to develop an alert and informed citizenry.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Establishing a telephone tree to alert members on legislative crisis; Providing a Seminar on New Service to Children and Families in Allegheny County; Testifying at state and local hearings on Child Protective Services, use of Corporal Punishment in Schools, State Health Plan, etc.; Cooperating with the Juvenile Justice Coalition to push legislation regarding status offenders; Developing an agency network in order to quickly identify special interest groups and provide constituency groups around certain issues; Surving National candidates' position on issues affecting children and families and dissemination of results to membership; Providing a delegate to the State Conference for the Handicapped.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rock Hill Regional Youth Bureau
Emmett Scott Neighborhood Center
902 Crawford Road
P.O. Box 10671
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730 Telephone:803/327-6151

Contact Person: Elizabeth Chorak

Purpose:
Prevention of juvenile delinquency: diversion

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Tutorial Workshop - Out of public school
--Volunteer Tutor program-in-school
--Youth employment service
--Individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling
--Crisis intervention (with police, courts, schools)
--Referrals to appropriate agencies
--Transportation, medical examinations, educational assessments.
--Residential programs (runaway shelter, group homes, emergency foster homes)

South Carolina Association for Retarded Citizens - Citizens Advocacy
P.O. Box 1564
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Contact Person: Jim Edwards Telephone: 803/254-6714

Purpose:
One to one advocacy

Current advocacy activities:
Service, Social and Self Help

Youth Bureau Division
South Carolina Department of Youth Services
P.O. Box 21487
Columbia, South Carolina 29221 Telephone: 803/758-6441 or 758-6592

Contact Persons: George Grogan and John Kinchen

Purpose:
The Youth Bureau's mission is to change conditions that tend to create delinquency and prevent youth's involvement in the juvenile justice process. The Youth Bureau is seeking to develop a network of community youth services. This is coordinated with local government and private agencies.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--State Youth Bureau Office - planning, training, technical assistance.
--Field Service Units - direct and indirect services (counseling and referral)
--Advocate new services
--Youth involvement
--Neighborhood Youth Center
--Residential care, runaway, emergency shelter, foster home, group home
--Deinstitutionalization of status offenders from jails and institutions
--Volunteers

Office of Child Advocacy
2221 Devine Street
Suite 418
Columbia, South Carolina 29205 Telephone:803/758-3953

Contact Person: Barbara Chappell

Purpose:
Ombudsman for abused, neglected, abandoned and dependent children with present focus being permanent homes for South Carolina's 4,000 children in foster homes and institutions ("orphanages"); development of systematic program to ensure that children are either returned to their improved parents, placed in adoption, or placed in permanent foster homes, preferably with custody or guardianship awarded to foster parents.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Implementing South Carolina's Foster Care Review Board System; encouraging agency use of the involuntary termination of parental rights statute when appropriate to enable adoption and agency use of the statute allowing for continued medical payments after adoption for handicapped children; recruiting specialized foster and adoptive homes as demonstration projects; working with agencies and institutions to change policies and to develop new programs to promote permanent homes; presenting workshops and conferences; conducting research projects; promoting needed legislation (broadened subsidized adoption, legal representation for children in custody and adoption cases, etc.).

TENNESSEE

Child and Family Advocacy
Child and Family Services
114 Dameron Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919 Telephone: 615/524-7483

Contact Person: Faith Carpenter

Purpose:
To identify unmet needs of children and to initiate and/or support action, including legislation, to change and improve institutions and agencies and their services or policies, or to initiate new programs and services in order that children's rights be guaranteed (as stated in the children's bill of rights).

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Child abuse/neglect: prevention and treatment programs, including community education, training of lay therapists and professionals, formation of a Parents Anonymous group. Advocating for a 24 hour crisis child care center and a Family Aid Center.
--Advocating for improved coverage under Medicaid.
--Submitting suggested changes and advocating for these regarding state adoptive and foster care laws.
--Advocating for social services in county and city schools (there are none).
--Participating heavily in consortium on Special needs of Teenage Parents (helped organize).
--Participating in Community Emergency Services Advisory Board to improve existing services and develop needed services.
--Training of foster parents to improve quality of foster care.

Tennessee Office of Child Development
108 Parkway Towers
404 James Robertson Parksay
Nashville, Tennessee 37219 Telephone: 615/741-1681

Contact Person: Dr. Millie Moore

Purpose:

The Tennessee Office of Child Development, in the Office of the Governor, has three major functions: (1) planning children's services to improve and expand existing services (2) coordinating all services for children, birth-18 years (3) providing technical assistance to all programs serving children and their families. There are 14 major powers and duties enumerated under these functions in the legislation creating the Office of Child Development. These include: reviewing budgets of all state agencies delivering services to children; evaluating child development and family service programs and facilities; and to design, develop, and review a comprehensive, statewide plan.

Current Advocacy Activities:

The Office is currently developing mechanisms for coordination in conjunction with all agencies represented on the State Child Development Coordinating Council. Through our nine Regional Coordinators placed in each of the planning districts, we are developing priorities for implementing new programs for children and conducting needs assessments in each region. We are also working closely with the Governor's Office developing plans for Governmental Reorganization as it affects children's services.

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
104 Capitol Towers
Nashville, Tennessee 37219 Telephone: 615/741-2633

Contact Person: Jere Ledsinger

Purpose:
To collect facts and statistics, make special studies of conditions affecting the welfare of youth, and to act as an advisory and consultative body.

Current Advocacy Activities:
To monitor legislation affecting youth, to provide information on the status of all such legislation; to publish a current book of laws which affect youth; to publish monthly news of programs for children and youth across the state.

Family Advocacy
Family and Children's Service
201 23rd Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee 37203 Telephone: 615/327-0833

Contact Person: Louise Burgess

Purpose:
The Family Advocacy Program was created in 1971 to enable the agency to expand its focus from individual counseling to include a strong commitment to changing community conditions and institutional policies detrimental to families.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Work with families in a neighborhood deprived of water and sewage systems. This project was added to a list of projects in the metropolitan area that have applied for Federal funding through the Metro Council.
--Community organizing in one section of Davidson County with special emphasis on developing after school care centers for children age 6 to 12 in some of the local churches. A needs assessment was done in five of the grammar schools in that particular area and a proposal has been written to document the need.
--Legislation on (a) obtaining birth certificates for foreign-born adopted children and (b) on increasing Aid to Families with Dependent Children grants across the state.
--Developed a workshop on "Women's Issues" with special emphasis on education, employment counseling, financial counseling and legal assistance for women. Also helped in establishing a free legal clinic for women through the YWCA.

TEXAS

Citizen Advocacy Coordinating Office
Texas Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
833 Houston Street
Austin, Texas 78756 Telephone: 512/454-6694

Contact Person: Jack Blackstone

Purpose:
Offers consultation and assistance to citizen advocacy programs operated by ARC's in Texas. Encourages development of new offices.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Consultation to operational Citizen Advocacy programs.
--Preparation and dissemination of materials and information.
--Monitoring developments and materials on citizen advocacy.
--Provision of educational programs on citizen advocacy and needs for it for relevant agencies and organizations.
--Advocacy on class issues at the state level.
--Securing funding for local programs.

Pierre the Pelican
Mental Health Association in
Texas and Department of Community Affairs
Early Childhood Development
103 Lantern Lane
Austin, Texas 78731

Contact Person: Marilyn Edwards Telephone: 512/459-6584

Purpose:
"Pierre the Pelican" is a 28-part newsletter series sent out to all first-time parents in the state. The newsletter deals with the mental and emotional development of children. Through parenting education we hope to prevent some mental and emotional problems in children.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Mental Health Association chapters and hospital auxillaries are working to see that parents receive the first three issues immediately upon the child's birth.

Citizen Advocacy
Waco Association for Retarded Citizens
P.O. Box 7172
6515 Sanger Avenue, Suite 30
Waco, Texas 76710 Telephone: 817/776-4782

Contact Person: Diane Krogh

Purpose:
To provide individual assistance to mentally retarded persons in adjusting to society, seeking a goal of independence, and to insure their rights as citizens.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--The continual process of becoming established and recognized in the community.
--The recruitment of advocates to provide expressive and instrumental needs as well as help in crisis situations.

Early Childhood Development Division,
Texas Department of Community Affairs
P.O. Box 13166 Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone: 512/475-5833

Contact Person: Jeannette Watson

Purpose:
--Advocacy
--Planning
--Coordination
--Work with local units of government to identify needs; plan and implement programs for children and their families.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--Pierre, the Texas Pelican - child development newsletter to parents
--CDA - Child Development Associate training materials
--Child Development Careers
--Community Assistance
--Parenting and early screening - emphasis in 1976-1977
--Public Education concerning children's needs
--Information and data management in planning and implementing programs for young children

Citizen Advocacy
San Antonio Association for Retarded Citizens
227 W. Drexel
P.O. Box 10210
San Antonio, Texas 78210 Telephone: 512/533-0166

Contact Person: Margo A. Macaluso

Purpose:
Citizen Advocacy is a program that matches, on a one-to-one basis, a person who is mentally retarded, known as the Protege, with a competent mature, male or female volunteer citizen, known as the Advocate.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The Protoges participating in the Citizen Advocacy program in San Antonio are at the San Antonio State Hospital, Mission Road Foundation, under the programs of Bexar County Mental Health Mental Retardation, and from community referrals.

Dallas Commission on Children and Youth
Community Council of Greater Dallas
1720 Life Building
311 South Akard
Dallas, Texas 75202 Telephone: 214/741-5851

Contact Person: Stan Armstrong

Purpose:
To make this community one in which the well-being of children is the object of sustained and responsible attention.

Current Advocacy Activities:
A voluntary commission of citizens working with professional staff acting as advocates, planners, and coordinators for children and youth programs. The program serves all children and youth service providers in Dallas county.

Temple Coordinated Child Care Council, Inc.
P.O. Box 1025
Temple, Texas 76501 Telephone: 817/778-4841, Ext. 36

Contact Person: Mary Lynch, Executive Director

Purpose:
To survey the needs of children in the community, and to mobilize public and private resources to meet those needs is the purpose of the Council. It seeks to effect coordination between agencies serving children in order to make services more comprehensive and eliminate duplication. Increasing public awareness of children's needs and services to children is a major responsibility. Priority is given to those children most in need, in providing needed services and conducting pilot projects.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Organization of training programs for day care center workers and family day care mothers; operation of a Title XX funded after-school and summer day care program; consultation with boards and staff of day care centers; publication of a monthly newsletter; and operation of a toy, book, and equipment lending library.

UTAH

Utah State Child Care Policy Advisory Committee
Division of Family Services
150 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 Telephone: 801/533-5031

Contact Persons: John Zussman and Dr. Mary Olsen

Purpose:
To enhance the Division of Family Service's ability to provide child care services that meet the needs of consumer parents and the expectations of the community. The Council provides a formal mechanism for parental and community input into the Division of Family Services' child care program, and for community information and education about the following aspects of the Division's Child Care Program: standards and regulations, services provided, resource limitations, and obstacles to quality care. The Council is an advocate group for families and children using and needing child care and can mobilize additional resources for the Division for its child care services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Providing input for Day Care Standards, increasing parent involvement, revising by-laws, lobbying for increased child care funds.

Utah Office of Child Development
c/o Utah State Board of Education
250 East Fifth South Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 Telephone: 801/533-6323

Contact Person: Dr. Geraldine M. Clark, Director

Purpose:
To act as an advocate for children and their families to assure the realization of the full developmental potential of each child through: (1) planning and cooperating with all State and Federal resources directly involved with providing programs for young children; (2) acting as a community information resource for early childhood development; and (3) studying and offering recommendations for the development of appropriate programs and services to meet young children's needs. The responsibilities of OCD are accomplished whenever possible through enhancing the effectiveness of the family.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Resource personnel for workshop and technical assistance; referral source for information needed by parents and agencies; responding to inquiries from parents, consumers, and professionals about various child programs, parenting classes, child care facilities, geographic locale, population served, cost of services and other matters related to the welfare of children in the State; technical assistance to Head Start and Day Care Programs; sponsors an annual workshop in cooperation with the Governor's Advisory Council on the Developmentally Disabled, the Utah State Bar, Brigham Young University and the University of Utah Law Schools to clarify and explain legal rights of handicapped children and their parents; and supports a state-wide Parent Education Resource Center under the administration of the Utah Learning Resource Center through assisting them in obtaining funding resources and media materials.

Utah Office of Child Development
State Board of Education
250 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 Telephone: 801/533-6323

Contact Person: Dr. Geraldine M. Clark, Director

Purpose:
The Office of Child Development coordinates early childhood programs provided by the State Board of Education, Department of Social Services and by other public agencies. It also serves a central referral source for professionals, state agencies, and for parents and other consumers. The office acts as an advocate for children and parents in need of services.

Current Advocacy Activities:
--The Office of Child Development provides limited technical assistance to child-service providers; help in planning workshops, procuring speakers, visuals, etc. Writing and graphics for direct mail brochures, flyers, programs, etc.
--The office publishes a quarterly newsletter.
--The office reviews all early childhood grants in Utah.
--The office identifies and upgrades descriptions of early childhood programs, preschool, or infant programs and/or parenting classes.
--The office works cooperatively with the Special Education segment of the State Board of Education in advocating for services for children with developmental disabilities.
--The office director and staff personnel serve on all committees addressing needs or services relating to children.

VERMONT

Governor's Committee on Children and Youth
79 River Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602 Telephone: 802/828-2816

Contact Person: Johannes Troost

Purpose:
To find, expose, and substantiate problems and unmet needs of the children of Vermont. To ask for, push for, and lobby for solutions to those problems and unmet needs. To monitor, evaluate, and help improve the solutions once provided.

Current Advocacy Activities:
The development of a "Green Mountain Kids' Bill of Rights"; the provision of unrestricted abortions to both poor and minor mothers; the development of guidelines for District and superior Court Judges for the termination of parental rights; the upgrading of foster care in this State; and the coordination of educational efforts for children in group homes between Special Education groups and Social and Rehabilitation Services. The Committee continuously monitors Day Care Services, the high school drop-out rates, and care given at Weeks School, the one delinquent facility in Vermont.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Commission for Children and Youth
9th Street Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Telephone: 804/786-4834

Contact Person: Valerie S. Emerson

Purpose:

The Virginia Commission for Children and Youth is a permanent State agency mandated by the Virginia General Assembly to be the advocate for all children and youth in the Commonwealth.

Current Advocacy Activities:

(1) Maintain a central registry of placements of children by, or with funds from the Departments of Welfare, Corrections, Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Health and the Commission for the Visually Handicapped; (2) survey the services currently available to school-age parents, prepare a report of these findings and develop a model for comprehensive, inter-agency service delivery; (3) examine the quality of education specifically as it relates to children and youth who need special education; (4) examine the nutrition needs of the young people of Virginia and promote the expansion of special food service programs; (5) distribute a brochure on the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program; (6) distribute You Have the Right, If You Know It, a handbook designed to make Virginia's teenagers aware of their rights and responsibilities; (7) assist in the development of improved foster care training and recruitment efforts; (8) develop and distribute a handbook for foster parents; (9) serve as a clearinghouse for information on children and youth; (10) continue to analyze legislative issues and develop workshops as appropriate; and (11) disseminate reports that (a) identify and analyze State data sources that relate to the needs of children; (b) examine State legislation that affects children; (c) discuss innovative service delivery approaches; and (d) review other State's legislation and services for children and their families (Title XX contract).

Youth Services of Newport News
2600 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23607 Telephone: 804/247-8800

Contact Person: Margaret P. Bliley

Purpose:
The purpose of Youth Services of Newport News is to inform the community about the relationship between faulty youth development and crime, the value of prevention as a means of avoiding future treatment, and the community's role in preventing delinquency. In addition, Youth Services works to improve the quality of services to young people and their families through planning, coordinating and facilitating the development of human services, and providing young people with access to socially desirable roles through education, employment, leisure activities, and representation on decision making bodies.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Involving civic and service groups in providing services to youth, conducting seminars to educate and involve the community in meeting the needs of youth; organizing and staffing task forces to develop alternatives for youth; promoting parent education workshops and seminars; assessing needs of young people and developing strategies to meet them; publishing a monthly newsletter covering items of interest to youth-serving professionals; publishing a directory of residential facilities for juveniles to aid parents and professionals in placing troubled children; serving on boards of community agencies to ensure that youth needs are met; stimulating the development of leisure activities and employment opportunities; sponsoring a Youth Advisory Committee to ensure youth involvement in the development of human services; and promoting quality educational opportunities for all children.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Virgin Islands Commission on Youth
Office of the Governor
Hamilton House 59-59A, King Street
P.O. Box 2992
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands, 00820 Telephone: 809/773-3130

Contact Person: Roland L. Benjamin

Purpose:

The Commission on Youth is the only Government Agency of the Virgin Islands Government having jurisdiction and responsibility for the establishment, implementation, supervision, administration and monitoring of publicly funded programs, services and activities which deal exclusively with the health and welfare of the youth of the Territory. The Commission is mandated by its legislation to plan, establish, administer and supervise programs and activities providing special services for youth, including but not limited to youth centers, counseling, referral services, Outreach Programs, volunteer activities and those encouraging Community involvement.

Current Advocacy Activities:

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of coordinating activities of public and private groups throughout the Virgin Islands concerned with the problems of children and youth; of interpreting and sponsoring legislation beneficial to youth. The Commission develops educational programs and sponsors research and/or demonstration projects.

The Commission by its design is an agency encompassing prevention, Rehabilitation Counseling, job development, recreational activities and follow-up services for youth in an attempt to direct them from the Juvenile Justice System.

WASHINGTON

Committee for Children and Youth
Health and Welfare Planning Council of Clark County
P.O. Box 425
Vancouver, Washington 98666

Contact Person: Pat Olesen Telephone: 206/694-6577

Purpose:
To provide leadership in coordinating agencies and groups who provide services to children and youth, to provide leadership in an advocate role, to identify and assess the unmet needs of the community, to serve as a consultant organization relative to child care services in the community.

Current Advocacy Activities:
-A seminar to facilitate communication between professionals who deal with children and youth. Topic: The Needs and Rights of Children and Youth.
-A publication that briefly describes all programs in the community for children and youth.

WISCONSIN

Youth Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 168
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

Contact Person: Daniel W. Miller Telephone: 608/251-2000 (24-hours)

Purpose:
Youth Services, Inc., is a voluntary citizen organization which seeks to promote services, programs and activities of benefit and/or interest to children and youth and their families and communities.

Current Advocacy Activities:
Distributes wallet-sized "Crisis Cards" to all high school and junior high school and college youth. The card lists 20 emergency services and how to contact them for help. Community outreach teams of volunteers skilled in working with youth represent the interests of teens in school, job and court related efforts. The Y.S.I. Prize: annual awards to individuals and groups for meritorious service to youth. Monitors public policy at local and state levels of government.

Child Adolescent Program
Mental Health Association in Wisconsin
P.O. Box 1486
119 E. Mifflin Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

Contact Person: Charles Bylsma Telephone: 608/256-9041

Purpose:
-- Information and education on services
-- Advocacy efforts for children and youth
-- Legislative input

Current Advocacy Activities:
Public education through speakers, films, conferences, workshops, brochures.

WYOMING

Wyoming Council for Children and Youth
1614 Garfield
Laramie, Wyoming 82070 Telephone: 307/766-2245
307/742-6991

Contact Person: Dr. Everett D. Lantz

Purpose:
A statutory committee appointed by Governor to study needs and conditions of children and youth, review legislation and consider revisions, to appraise adequacy and accessibility of existing services, to formulate programs for improving existing conditions.

Current Advocacy Activities:
In conjunction with the Union Pacific Railroad selects each month an Outstanding Teenager who is then eligible for $1000 scholarship. In summer of 1974 published a handbook on juvenile laws and institutions designed for youth and the laymen; 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976 published directories of youth serving agencies in the state; reviewing legislation pertaining to children and youth; supported such in the recent legislature (state); 1974 and 1976 Governor's Youth Conference involved 450 youth delegates from the state who for two days discussed issues and suggested resolutions, the WCCY followed through on each of the proposed solutions. A 1977 Wyoming Youth Legislative Forum was held at the State Capitol. A newsletter is published each month. A 1978 Governor's Youth Conference is planned.

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